

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's reconsideration of the present application. No claims have been cancelled, amended or added in this response. Therefore, claims 1-45 are presented for examination.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Klingler

Claims 1-45 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Klingler et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,404,316 ("Klingler"). Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims are not anticipated by Klingler.

Klingler discloses a conventional graphical user interface which allows the user to implement image processing techniques without utilizing a primitive special programming language. A display includes one or more of the movie views from which the user can view and edit selected clips of a movie. A Player View 70 offers a viewing screen for playing or stopping an entire movie or selected clip therefrom. A Storyboard View 72 includes a two dimensional Storyboard array 104 which provides a grid upon which the clips 106-110 of a movie are arranged. Additionally, a Time View 74 includes a horizontal strip 112 displaying the clips of the movie along with up to eight additional horizontal sound bands displaying the audio data associated with the clips shown in the framestrip 112. An alternate Time View window 240 displays a selected clip in addition to one or more clips corresponding to input for operations that produced the selected clip. (Klingler, col. 6, ll. 48-55; col. 7, ll. 14-17; col. 8, ll.13-29; col. 9, ll. 17-38, Figures 3-6, 17).

Independent claims 1, 10, 16, 22, 28, 34 and 40 each include the limitation of "a user interface having functionality to display only a single graphical representation of a time line." In the present Office Action, the Examiner has referenced Figures 6 and 17 of Klingler as anticipating this limitation. However, Applicant respectfully submits that Figures 6 and 17 of Klingler illustrate alternate depictions of a Time View, neither of which includes "only a single graphical representation of a time line," as claimed. Referring to Figure 6, the Time View 74 displays a clip 112 of the movie along with up to eight sound bands. In other words, as many as nine time lines are displayed (112,

118). Thus, the Time View 74 clearly does not include only a single graphical representation of a time line, as claimed.

Referring to Figure 17, the Examiner has asserted that only one selected clip is shown. Applicant respectfully submits that in addition to the selected clip 112, the alternate Time View 240 illustrated in Figure 17 additionally displays three clips 242, 244 and 246, which correspond to input clips for operations performed to produce the selected clip 112. As clearly illustrated in Figure 17, the clips 242-246 are presented horizontally in association with the selected clip 112. The clips 242-246 permit a user to view input clips on a frame-by-frame basis to alter operations that yielded clip 112. In other words, clips 242-246 are each presented along a separate time line. Thus, Figure 17 illustrates at least four time lines (112, 242, 244, 246). Therefore, the alternate Time View 240 is not equivalent to the claimed limitation of a user interface having functionality to display only a single graphical representation of a time line.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 10, 16, 22, 28, 34 and 40, and claims 2-9, 11-15, 17-21, 23-27, 29-33, 35-39 and 41-45 that depend from them, are not anticipated by Klingler. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of the claims.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that in view of the amendments and discussion set forth herein, the applicable rejections have been overcome and the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

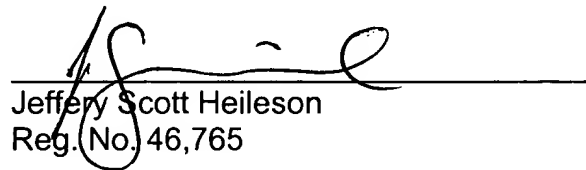
If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of the claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Scott Heilesen at (408) 720-8300.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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